

## Message Text

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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, SZ, US  
SUBJ: PRESIDENTS VISIT TO GENEVA

REF: BERN 1739, STATE 91549

1. AFTER CONSULTING WITH MR COULTER, I TALKED WITH  
AMB HEGNER ABOUT PLANS AS THEY ARE DEVELOPING.  
APPARENTLY ASSAD WANTS TO MAKE A PROTOCOL CALL ON PRESIDENT  
FURGLER AND COUNCILOR GRABER WHICH WOULD MATCH OUR  
PRESIDENT'S, AND ASSAD'S CALL IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED  
FOR 2:30 PM MAY 9. PRESENT SWISS EXPECTATION ARE THAT  
FURGLER AND GRABER WILL RECEIVE OUR PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY  
VANCE SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AND THEY WILL OF COURSE BE  
WAITING IN THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL.

2. FURGLER'S ENGLISH IS GOOD AND HE EXPORTS TO TALK WITH  
PRESIDENT CARTER WITHOUT ANY INTERPRETING ASSISTANCE.  
WHILE GRABER UNDERSTANDS A GOOD DEAL OF ENGLISH,  
HE IS LESS CONFIDENT SPEAKING IT. PRESENT VERY  
TENTATIVE THINKING IS THAT SECRETARY GENERAL WEITNAUER  
AND PERHAPS ALSO SWISS AMB TO UN (GENEVA)  
EXCHAQUET WOULD BE PRESENT WITH THE SWISS PRESIDENT  
AND COUNCILOR GRABER, AND ONE OF THEM COULD INTER-  
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PRET FOR GRABER.

3. HEGNER PLANS TO SUGGEST TWO OR THREE SUBSTANTIVE  
POINTS FURGLER MIGHT MAKE TO PRESIDENT CARTER. THESE  
WOULD REFLECT SWISS INTERESTS IN THE BROAD MULTILATERAL  
CONTEXT WHERE SWITZERLAND AND THE US HAVE COMMON  
INTERESTS AND CONCERNS. THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THESE

POINTS WOULD BE TO GIVE THE PRINCIPALS SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT AND AVOID TOTALLY INANE PLEASANTRIES. HEGNER SAYS HE WILL GIVE ME HIS SUGGESTIONS WHEN HE HAS WORKED THEM OUT SO WE WILL KNOW IN ADVANCE WHAT FURGLER WILL BE BRIEFED TO RAISE.

4. ARRIVAL STATEMENT. THE SWISS GOVT IS NOT PRESSING FOR AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND WILL BE HAPPY TO HANDLE ARRANGEMENTS ANY WAY WE WISH (COMMENT: IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IN SWITZERLAND, OF COURSE, IF THE PRESIDENT AT THE TIME OF HIS ARRIVAL COULD SAY A FEW COMPLIMENTARY WORDS ABOUT BEING IN SWITZERLAND. IF HE SAYS ANYTHING AT ALL AT THE TIME OF HIS ARRIVAL, HE SHOULD INCLUDE SOME WORD OF GREETING TO THE SWISS).  
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